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GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PS- #1216 RENEWABLE ENERGY STREAMLINING PROGRAM

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. How should the EIR be bid when the acreage of Renewable Energy combining designation is unknown?

ANSWER: The EIR is foreseen as a combination programmatic/project level document. It is also considered part of the ultimate streamlining of renewable energy projects in the RE designations as our goal is to be able to use the EIR for future RE projects.

The County understands the difficulties in using an EIR in this way and expects the consultant to propose methods of successfully concluding the work scope. That being said, you may wish for purposes of the proposal to use a cost per acre of site review or perhaps a range of on the ground activities for a range of costs. Ultimately, it is expected that the consultant will offer the County expertise and assistance in competing this difficult task. Bidding the EIR work is part of that expectation.

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2. Based on the RFP, the EIR will include specific site assessments as well as a programmatic-level analysis. How many individual sites are expected to be assessed?

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3. How much, if any, of the Contract Amount listed in Section 1.6 will be allocated for Task 1, Project Administration for use by the County?

ANSWER: None of the contract amount of \$528,000 includes Task 1. Task 1 addresses the County's administrative grant activities with the CEC with no direct consultant involvement. Task 2 provides for consultant management activities.

4. Under Task 3, Resource, Infrastructure, and Constraints Mapping, will the consultant be expected to directly perform any resource measurements and site data collection---or can we rely solely upon the data provided by others, including the County?

ANSWER: The timing of the grant requires the County to start the mapping task prior to hiring of a consultant. We have assumed that the consultant will be under contract in time to help finalize the mapping tasks (ex. bullets 1, 3 and 4 below that occur at the end of the task). The RFP includes the following consultant direction:

- **Review the County's mapping work to date and make recommendations for mapping program changes or additions.**
- **Assist the County in determining the key constraints to streamlined renewable energy development and their relative importance, such as agricultural soils, slopes, orientation, elevation, climate, haze, wind speeds, birds, visual and biological resources.**
- **The technical consultant will take a lead role in finalizing mapping of important infrastructure and collaborating with PG&E. The technical consultant will provide the expertise to determine where infrastructure is available for streamlined renewable energy development.**
- **Develop RE combining designation selection criteria and recommend RE combining designation locations based on mapping results.**

5. For Task 4, Stakeholder Outreach, will the "program web page" be hosted on a County website, or is the consultant hosting this website?

ANSWER: The County will host the web page.

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6. The RFP states this is a fixed fee contract. However, the terms and conditions from the CEC appear to address a time and materials agreement. Is there an inconsistency?

ANSWER: The RFP and resulting contract between the County and the consultant is a fixed fee contract. The County's relationship with the CEC will be based on time/materials. The consultant will be expected to provide the county with the information needed to invoice the CEC for work completed pursuant to the terms and conditions.